

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6971–S7009

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5188–5194, and S. Res. 859–861. **Page S6999**

Measures Reported:

S. 3381, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines. (S. Rept. No. 117–232)

S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. (S. Rept. No. 117–233)

S. 3789, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–234)

S. 3388, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S6999**

Measures Passed:

Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act: Senate passed H.R. 7077, to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7003**

Hassan (for Peters) Amendment No. 6505, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7003**

Registration for Index-Linked Annuities Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3198, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise any rules necessary to enable issuers of index-linked annuities to register on a form tailored specifically to registered index-linked annuities, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hassan (for Smith/Tillis) Amendment No. 6506, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7004**

Iran Hostage Crisis Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2607, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7004–05**

Big Cat Public Safety Act: Senate passed H.R. 263, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. **Pages S7005–06**

Leahy-Smith America Invents Act: Senate passed S. 2773, to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to address satellite offices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7006–07**

Maintenance Projects at Ports of Entry: Senate passed S. 3903, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7007–08**

Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5481, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6722, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp, California, as the "Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6863, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7903, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Canton, Michigan, as the "Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Sy Kaplan VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7925, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm Desert, California, as the "Sy Kaplan VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 5016, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 700, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the "Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office". **Pages S7008–09**

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6614, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4744 Grand River Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Louise McCauley Parks Post Office Building". **Page S7009**

Norma Comnick Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2141 Ferry Street in Anderson, California, as the "Norma Comnick Post Office Building". **Page S7009**

Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 Main Street in Biloxi, Mississippi, as the "Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building". **Page S7009**

National Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 859, designating December 17, 2022, as "National Wreaths Across America Day". **Page S7009**

National Family Service Learning Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 860, expressing support for the designation of the week of November 14 through November 18, 2022, as "National Family Service Learning Week". **Page S7009**

December 6, 2019 Terrorist Attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola: Senate agreed to S. Res. 861, remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty. **Page S7009**

Resignation of Senator Ben Sasse: Senator Ben Sasse, of Nebraska, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective January 8, 2023, at 12 noon. **Page S7003**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Mia Roberts Perez, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and John Frank Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, be withdrawn and that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Mia Roberts Perez, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kai N. Scott, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Kai N. Scott, at 1:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Kai N. Scott, and John Frank Murphy; and that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and on confirmation of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota; and that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, ripen following disposition of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins. **Page S6989**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S7009**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 376), Frances Kay Behm, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 374), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 377), Kelley Brisbon Hodge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 375), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Juan Eduardo Sanchez, of Texas, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Southwest Border Regional Commission.

Chrissie C. Latimore, of South Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Peter D. Leary, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

McLain J. Schneider, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Leigha Simonton, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.

David C. Davis, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Jaime E. Esparza, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Roger B. Handberg, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Alamdar S. Hamdani, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Markenzy Lapointe, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Terry J. Burgin, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Glenn M. McNeill, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years. **Page S6989**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2022, from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—377)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7009.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on research programs, after receiving testimony from Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics; Jason Rowntree, Michigan State University Center for Regenerative Agriculture, East Lansing; Felecia M. Nave, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; Katy Martin Rainey, Purdue University Soybean Center, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the American Seed Trade Association; Steve Ela, Ela Family Farms, Hotchkiss, Colorado; and Deacue Fields, III, University of Arkansas System, Little Rock.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.